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Applicant:

Lanctot et al.

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For:

NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE, METHOD AND KIT FOR SELECTING A

NUCLEIC ACID HAVING A DESIRED FEATURE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2003 the Applicant requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks. The present Response is timely filed on December 5, 2003 since a Petition for a three (3) month extension of time from September 6, 2003 to and including December 6, 2003 is being filed herewith. A check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the required fee (in light of the small entity status) is enclosed. Please charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Response.

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